FEMA 90-Day Appeal & Comment Period

THE FEMA APPEAL & COMMENT PROCESS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires a 90-day public Appeal & Comment Period for proposed Flood Insurance Rate Map changes. Public review of proposed Flood Insurance Rate Map changes is an important part of the map update process because it ensures that map data is as accurate as possible. The Appeal & Comment Period for this project is projected to begin Fall 2017.

APPEALS

An Appeal is a technical issue with a Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map. Some common types of Appeals include a flood elevation objection or a delineation of floodplain boundary dispute.

Appeals often require supporting documentation such as an Elevation Certificate, topographic map, engineering study, photographs, etc. Visit www.fema.gov and search "Criteria for Appeals of Flood Insurance Rate Maps" for more information about Appeals.

COMMENTS

A Comment is map error found on a Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map. Some common types of Comments include the correction of a street name, city limit boundary, etc. Comments do not generally require supporting documentation.

The 90-Day Appeal & Comment Period is projected to begin June 2017. You may only submit an Appeal or Comment during the official Appeal & Comment Period.

If you have an Appeal or Comment, the County encourages you to begin organizing materials early so that you are prepared for the 90-Day Appeal & Comment Period.

TENTATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE

EARLY 2016

Draft floodplain maps produced

LATE 2017

FEMA Appeal and Comment Period

90 days

SUMMER 2018

New Flood Insurance Rate Maps finalized

NOVEMBER 2016

Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps produced **EARLY 2018**

Appeals and Comments resolved

LATE 2018

New Flood Insurance Rate Maps go effective

Please contact us directly for more information.

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